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PHU HIN RONGKLA NATIONAL PARK

Phu Hin Rongkla National Park is one of Thailand historical areas where, there was a war between two groups of Thais and there was a great bloody loss. A place of the very beautiful geology and surroundings from fertile forests area to blend and change by nature which made Phu Hin Rongkla to be tourism place and natural learning. This is an important habitat for the diverse species of wildlife.

Phu Hin Rong Kla was designated to be a National Park on the 26th July 1984, covers an area of 307 km² (191,875 rai). It lies in Phitsanuloke and Loei Provinces, becoming the 48th National Park in Thailand.



TOPOGRAPHY

The general topography of the Park is steep mountainous. The northern part of the park in Chaiburi district borders Laos. The southern part of the Park runs into Phetchabun province. The park is also a natural wall across borders between Nakhon Thai district in Phitsanuloke province and Dan Sai district in Loei province. The mountain range includes the peaks of Phu Phaengma, Phu Lomlo, Phu Hin Rong Kla and Phu Mahn Kow, the highest peak in the park at 1,800 m above sea level. The park is the headwater of many streams, including Huay Nam Sai, Huay Nam Kamuen, Huay Awn Singh and Huay Luang Yai, etc.



CLIMATE

Climate in Phu Hin Rong Kla is similar to that of Phu Kar Dung. The Park is cool all year round, especially, in the cool season, a part of year that temperatures decrease about 0-4°C and mean temperature is about 18-25 °C.



FLORA AND FAUNA

The Park covers mixed deciduous, dry evergreen and hill evergreen forests. Tree species importantly found including *Lagerstroemia calyculata*, *Pterocarpus macrocarpus*, *Shorea siamensis*, *Shorea obtusa*, *Azela xylocarpa*, etc.

In addition, many orchid species can be found in the flat areas on ridge tops and the rocky areas, including *Sphagnum* mosses, *Rhododendron lyl* and *Rhododendron simsii*, etc. These flowers bloom during rainy and winter seasons.

In the past, Phu Hin Rong Kla was evergreen forest and habitats diverse species of wildlife, but after the setting up of the communist party and the government began fighting, many species of wildlife were killed or fled to safer

areas. Remaining wildlife includes barking deer, wild hog, wolf and many species of bird.

ATTRACTIONS

Historically it was the location of communist party headquarter. The Park was used for various activities. The headquarter area remains as it was in the old days, such as The School of military Politics, Government Power Office, Mual-chon Village, Government Hospitals.

Lan Hin Tak 300m to the west of Pacharin Base is Lan Hin Tak (Broken Rock Field). The crevices were perhaps important to the communists, as they could have been used for hiding.

Lan Hin Pum about 4km from the Park Headquarter, is a field of nodulated stone. It is believed that this formation resulted from physical and chemical erosion. In the past, it was area of recuperation of patients from the hospital as the area near the cliff is breezing.

Pha Choo Thong about 500m from Lan Hin Pum



is a steep cliff overlooking a magnificent view particularly beautifully the sunset view point. The communists used this cliff to fly their red flag after each victory over the government forces.

Ronglao-Paradon Waterfall about 5 km from the Park Headquarter, one of beautiful waterfalls.

Mun Dang Waterfall is a large waterfall with about 32 levels, located 18km from the Park Headquarter to Lom-Kao district and a further 3.5km walking.

Sripacharin Waterfall is middle-sized waterfall, near Huay Namsau village. The trail leads through fields of Hmong villages into a small valley, then runs a stream about



150m reaching the waterfall.

HOW TO GET THERE

About 68 km from Phitsanuloke on Phitsanuloke-Lom Sak road until Ban Yang Tri-junction, turn left into Nakorn Thai district for further about 29 km, and from here, there is a sign leading to Phu Hin Rongkla National Park.

ACCOMMODATIONS

There are 9 bungalows ranging in sizes for 5-7 people and one can also rent tents in the Park at price of 1,000 Bath/ day. There is a park restaurant given service and campground to the tourist.





CHATTRAKARN NATIONAL PARK

Chattrakarn National Park covers an area in Chattrakarn and Nakorn Thai districts of Phitsanuloke province with fertile forests and beautiful nature, area of 543 km² (339,375 rai). The Park was designated on the 2nd November 1987 as the 54th National Park of Thailand.

TOPOGRAPHY

The general topography of the park is sandy mountainous and the headwater of many streams, the park is cool all year round.

FLORA AND FAUNA

Species commonly found including *Shorea obtusa*, *Shorea siamensis*, *Dipterocarpus obtusifolius*, *Xylia xylocarpa*, *Pterocarpus macrocarpus*, *Shorea floribunda*, *Anisoptera costata*, *Azelia xylocarpa*, *Lagerstroemia caliculata*, etc. With many species of animals such as bark-ing deer, wild boar, jungle fowl, squirrel, and many bird

species.

ATTRACTIONS

Chattrakarn Waterfall a beautiful waterfall, with 7 levels, especially, first level which is stunning water flows about 15 m high cliff.

Waterfall Cliff is one of beautiful waterfall, with variety colour of stones where many bees searching for their beehive between.

Art Human of Stone Age there is a sculptured monument in a cave at Lek Cliff where symbols had been sculptured on a flat stone.

ACCOMMODATIONS

There are 3 bungalows ranging in sizes for 10-11 people. Prices ranging between 1,500-1,600 Baht/night and there is park restaurant given service, and campground.

HOW TO GET THERE

Chattrakarn Waterfall and Phu Hin Rongkla National Parks are along the same road. From Nakhon Thai district on Nakhon Thai-Chattragran Road, about 1km before arrival Chattragran district, turn right to highway 1237 for 10 km. From here it is a further 2km to the Park Head-quarter.



อุทยานแห่งชาติภูหินร่องกล้า Phu Hin Rongkla National Park

อุทยานแห่งชาติน้ำตกชาติตระการ Namtok Chattrakarn National Park



- ① น้ำตกผาลาด Pha Lad Waterfall
- ② น้ำตกตาดฟ้า Tat Fa Waterfall
- ③ น้ำตกศรีพัชรินทร์ Sri Patcharin Waterfall
- ④ น้ำตกน้ำตกर्मเกล้าภราดร Rom Klao Pharadon Waterfall

สัญลักษณ์ LEGEND



อุทยานแห่งชาติ National Park

- ① ภูสอยดาว Phu Soi Dao
- ② นาเหว Na Haew
- ③ ภูเรือ Phu Rua
- ④ น้ำตกชาติตระการ Namtok Chattrakarn
- ⑤ ภูหินร่องกล้า Phu Hin Rongkla
- ⑥ ห้วยสาลึงหลวง Thung Salaeng Luang
- ⑦ นานาวา Nam Nao